

Through their innumerable service initiatives, they have been Goodfellow's most dedicated champions who served as the bridge between San Angelo and Goodfellow.

Through it all, Charles and JoAnne stood together, side by side and hand in hand. They transformed countless lives, not the least of which was my own. I had the pleasure of meeting the Powells when I ran for Congress in 2004, and in 2005, I hired JoAnne on as the first member of my staff. At that point, I could never have imagined the depth of the impact that Charlie and JoAnne would have on me, my family, and every member of my team over the years to come.

JoAnne is the most longstanding member of my staff, and she and Charlie have seen me through the ups and downs, all while tirelessly serving the constituents of the Concho Valley.

Within my office, JoAnne took on the responsibility of shepherding young men and women through the congressional nomination process for applying to the United States military academies, while Charles chaired the board responsible for vetting and recommending them to me for nomination.

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Their teamwork resulted in many young men and women from my district receiving appointments to these prestigious institutions of higher learning, further extending the tradition of service to our country to future generations.

I cannot put into words the immense honor that it has been to have Charles and JoAnne as a part my family. My wife, Suzanne, and I feel tremendously lucky to have the opportunity to learn from them and to count them among our closest friends.

Colonel Powell will be greatly missed, and I take comfort knowing his legacy will continue through the people he loved and the community he was so proud to call home.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOH0).

PUBLIC APOLOGY TO THE HONORABLE
ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ

Mr. YOH0. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you this morning to address the strife I injected into the already-contentious Congress.

I have worked with many Members in this Chamber over the past four terms, Members on both sides of the aisle,—and each of you know that I am a man of my word. So let me take a moment to address this body.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to apologize for the abrupt manner of the conversation I had with my colleague from New York. It is true that we disagree on policies and visions for America, but that does not mean we should be disrespectful.

Having been married for 45 years, with two daughters, I am very cognizant of my language. The offensive name-calling words attributed to me by the press were never spoken to my

colleagues, and if they were construed that way, I apologize for their misunderstanding.

As my colleagues know, I am passionate about those affected by poverty. My wife, Carolyn, and I started out together at the age of 19 with nothing. We did odd jobs, and we were on food stamps. I know the face of poverty, and for a time, it was mine. That is why I know people in this country can still, with all its faults, rise up and succeed and not be encouraged to break the law.

I will commit to each of you that I will conduct myself from a place of passion and understanding that policy and political disagreement be vigorously debated with the knowledge that we approach the problems facing our Nation with the betterment of the country in mind and the people we serve.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot apologize for my passion or for loving my God, my family, and my country.

THE WAY WE TREAT ONE ANOTHER MATTERS

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the words of the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOH0). They were appropriate because the language we use matters. The way we treat one another matters.

Mr. YOH0 needed no apology for his passion about poverty and for the downtrodden, but he ought to remember and acknowledge that the person to whom he spoke so inappropriately was one of the strongest fighters in this Congress for those with the least, those who are downtrodden, those who are forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, the apology was appropriate. I hope that Mr. YOH0 feels that apology sincerely, and I hope all of us will take a lesson to think before we speak so harshly to one another.

This country is a divided country. There are some of us who believe that our Chief Executive uses harsh language and inappropriate language directed at some of our citizens. We ought not to replicate that conduct.

The apology was appropriate. I know that our colleague, ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ, appreciates that apology, but let us treat one another with the respect and dignity each of us deserves not only as a Member of this body, but as a human being.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 49 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord our God, thank You for giving us another day.

We ask Your blessing on all the Members of the people's House during these rare days of coming together in this Chamber. The coronavirus has changed so many forms and patterns of gathering, as family, community, and here in Congress.

Send out Your spirit that those who find themselves at odds with their colleagues might continue the productive work that must be done, but which does not draw contentious attention, and address as well the issues which are pressing upon our Nation. Lord, have mercy.

Continue to bless the men and women who attend to those who are sick—the number continuing to grow throughout our country. Keep our healthcare professionals safe and inspire those who labor to find treatments and cures for this dangerous virus.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TAKANO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

SENATE SHOULD PASS THE HEROES ACT

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, it has been more than two months since the House passed the HEROES Act. In